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# On radial and non-radial positive steady-states for Lotka-Volterra competition model on two dimensional annulus

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## 1 Introduction

Consider the following Lotka-Volterra competition model:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = D\Delta u + u(a - u - bv) & \text{in } \Omega \times [0, \infty), \\ v_t = D\Delta v + v(d - v - cu) & \text{in } \Omega \times [0, \infty), \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times [0, \infty), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0 \geq 0, v(x, 0) = v_0 \geq 0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Omega = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2; R \leq |x| \leq R+1\}$  and  $D, a, b, c, d$  are positive constants. We will discuss the bistable case, i.e,  $bd - a > 0$  and  $ac - d > 0$ . In this case, there exist four nonnegative constant solutions;

$(0, 0)$ ,  $(a, 0)$ ,  $(0, d)$  and  
 $(u^*, v^*) = \left(\frac{bd-a}{bc-1}, \frac{ac-d}{bc-1}\right)$ .

They are represented in  $(u, v)$ -plane in Fig.1, where  $(a, 0)$ ,  $(0, d)$  are stable steady-states and  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(u^*, v^*)$  are unstable.

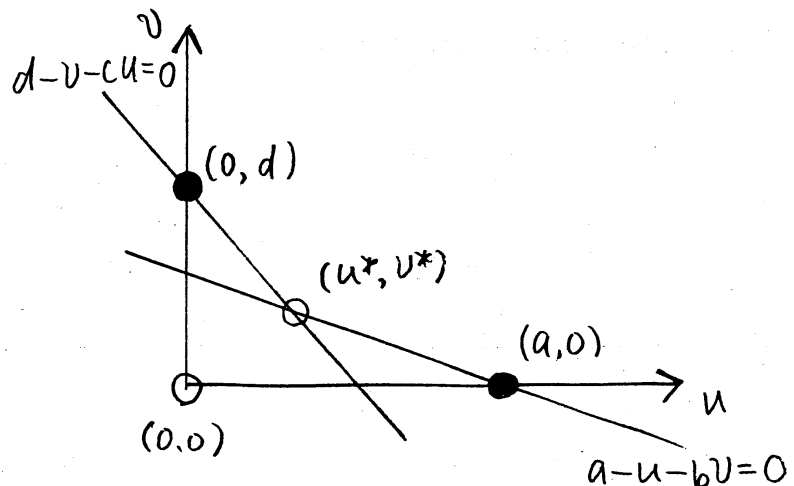


Fig. 1.

We are interested in the steady-state problem associated with (1);

$$\begin{cases} D\Delta u + u(a - u - bv) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ D\Delta v + v(d - v - cu) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \nu} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial \nu} = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega, \\ u \geq 0, v \geq 0, & \text{in } \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

especially, the multiplicity of nonconstant solutions for (2).

We shall study radial solutions in section 1 and non-radial solutions in section 2.

## 2 Radial solutions

In this section we will study radial solutions for (2). Let  $(u, v)$  be a radial solution for (2). We take polar coordinates such as  $|x| = R + s$ , then  $(u, v)$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} Du_{ss} + \frac{D}{R+s}u_s + u(a - u - bv) = 0 & \text{in } (0, 1), \\ Dv_{ss} + \frac{D}{R+s}v_s + v(d - v - cu) = 0 & \text{in } (0, 1), \\ u_s(0) = u_s(1) = v_s(0) = v_s(1) = 0, \\ u \geq 0, v \geq 0, & \text{in } (0, 1). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

From now on we study (3). First we will make some definitions.

**Definition 1** Let  $(u, v) = (u(s), v(s))$  be a solution for (3). Then  $(u, v)$  is called an  $n$ -mode radial solution if and only if

$$\#\{s \in (0, 1); u_s(s) = 0\} = \#\{s \in (0, 1); v_s(s) = 0\} = n - 1.$$

Here  $\#A$  denote the number of elements of  $A$ .

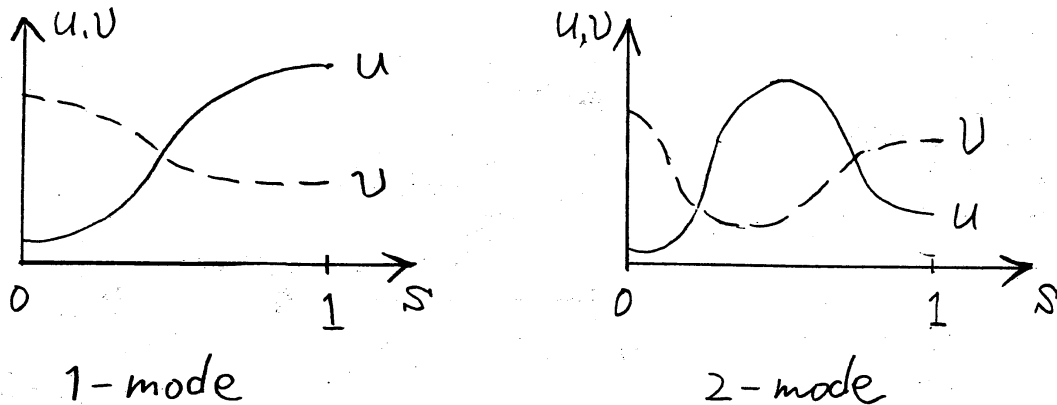


Fig. 2

Before stating results we will prepare some notation. Let  $\alpha^*$  be the positive solution of  $\mu^2 + (u^* + v^*)\mu - (bc - 1)u^*v^* = 0$ .

Denote the eigenvalues of  $-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2} - \frac{1}{R+s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s}$  ( $= -\Delta$  in the space of radial functions) with Neumann zero boundary condition by  $\lambda_n$ , ( $0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots$ ). In discussing radial solutions we regard  $D^{-1}$  as a parameter and consider branches of  $n$ -mode solutions for (3). Set

$$S := \{(u, v, \tau) \in C^1[0, 1] \times C^1[0, 1] \times \mathbf{R}^+; (u, v) \text{ is a nonconstant positive radial solution for (3) with } D^{-1} = \tau\}.$$

$$S_n := \{(u, v, \tau) \in C^1[0, 1] \times C^1[0, 1] \times \mathbf{R}^+; (u, v) \text{ is an } n\text{-mode positive radial solution for (3) with } D^{-1} = \tau\}.$$

**Theorem 1** (i)  $S = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n$ .

(ii)  $S_n$  contains a connected component  $B$  such that  $(u^*, v^*, \frac{\lambda_n}{\alpha^*}) \in \bar{B}$  and  $B$  is unbounded in  $\{(u, v, \tau) \in C^1[0, 1] \times C^1[0, 1] \times \mathbf{R}^+; 0 \leq u \leq a, 0 \leq v \leq d\}$ .

For the proof see Nakashima[11]

**Remark 1** Every positive solution for (2) has a priori estimate such that  $0 \leq u \leq a$  and  $0 \leq v \leq d$ . Moreover, Theorem 1 implies that every solution for (3) becomes an  $n$ -mode solution for some  $n$ .

**Remark 2** When  $D$  is large (or a parameter  $D^{-1}$  is small), there exists no nonconstant solution for (3). (Conway-Hoff-Smoller[1].)

From the above remarks  $B$  keeps the property of  $n$ -mode and continues up to  $D^{-1} = \infty$ .

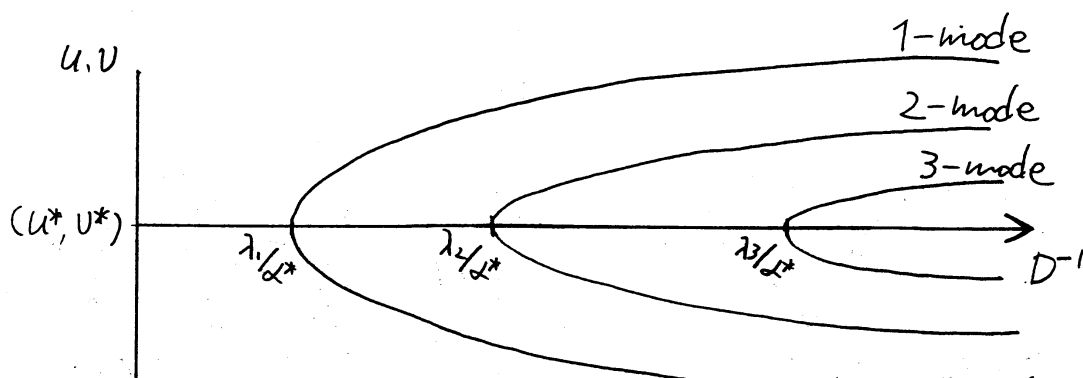


Fig. 3

### 3 non-radial solutions

In this section we will study the existence and multiplicity of non-radial positive solutions for (2). Here we restrict ourselves to the case  $N = 2$  and we show that the following result holds for (2).

For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $R_0 = R_0(k) > 0$  such that if  $R > R_0(k)$  then (2) has at least  $k$ — non-radial positive solutions, which are not equivalent with respect to rotation.

Such an existence result is well-studied for a single equation like

$$\Delta u + u^p = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega, \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega, \quad u \geq 0, \quad (4)$$

when  $1 < p < \infty$ . We refer to ([2], [4], [6], [8], [9], [10]).

Taking polar coordinates  $(s, \theta)$  such as

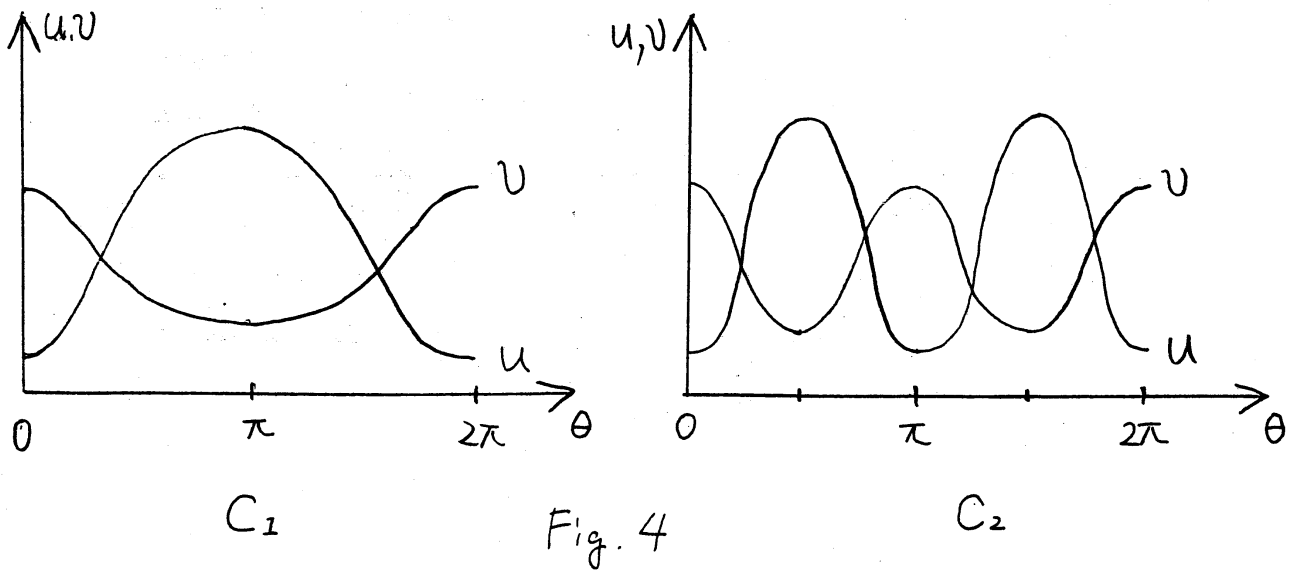
$$x = (R + s) \cos \theta, \quad y = (R + s) \sin \theta,$$

the steady-state problem for (2) is written as

$$\begin{cases} Du_{ss} + \frac{D}{R+s}u_s + \frac{D}{(R+s)^2}u_{\theta\theta} + u(a - u - bv) = 0 & \text{in } [0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi), \\ Dv_{ss} + \frac{D}{R+s}v_s + \frac{D}{(R+s)^2}v_{\theta\theta} + v(d - v - cu) = 0 & \text{in } [0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi), \\ u_s(0, \theta) = u_s(1, \theta) = v_s(0, \theta) = v_s(1, \theta) = 0, \\ u \geq 0, v \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

From now on we will study nonconstant solutions for (5). Define a cone such as

$$C_k := \{(u, v) \in C^1([0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi)) \times C^1([0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi)); u \geq 0, v \geq 0, u_\theta \geq 0, v_\theta \leq 0 \text{ on } [0, \frac{\pi}{k}]. \\ u, v \text{ is symmetric with respect to } \theta = 0, \frac{\pi}{k}, \frac{2\pi}{k}, \dots, \frac{(k-1)\pi}{k}\}$$



Here and henceforce we assume the following assumption (N).

(N) Every positive solution  $(\phi_1, \phi_2)$  for

$$\begin{cases} D \frac{d^2}{dx^2} u + u(a - u - bv) = 0 & \text{in } [0, 1], \\ D \frac{d^2}{dx^2} v + v(d - v - cu) = 0 & \text{in } [0, 1], \\ u_x(0) = u_x(1) = v_x(0) = v_x(1) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

is nondegenerate, i.e. zero is not an eigenvalue for the linearized problem for (6) at  $(\phi_1, \phi_2)$ .

**Remark 3** From the results of Kan-on, we know (N) holds if  $a = d$ ,  $b = c$ . Using the fixed point index theory on  $C_k$ , we can get the following result.

**Theorem 2** Assume (N). For each  $k \in \mathbf{N}$  there exists  $R_k(D, a, b, c, d) > 0$ , such that (2) has a non-radial solution in  $C_k$  for every  $R \geq R_k$ .

**Remark 4** Observe that  $C_k \cap C_l$  is identical with the set of radial solutions  $\Phi$  if  $k \neq l$ ,  $k, l \in \mathbf{N}$ . Theorem 2 implies that there exist two solutions  $(u_k, v_k) \in C_k - \Phi$  and  $(u_l, v_l) \in C_l - \Phi$  if we set  $R \geq \max\{R_k, R_l\}$ . Since  $(u_k, v_k)$  and  $(u_l, v_l)$  are different with respect to rotation, we can get the multiplicity.

In this way we can find any number of nonradial positive solutions for (5) if  $R$  is sufficiently large.

## 4 Proof

In this section we show the outline of the proof of Theorem 2. We will find a non-radial solution in each  $C_k$ . ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .)

We will remark a priori estimate for the solutions for (5). Every solution  $(u, v)$  has a priori estimate such that

$$0 \leq u \leq a \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq v \leq d.$$

To show this, let  $u$  has its maximum at  $x_0 \in \Omega$ . We have  $a - u(x_0) - bv(x_0) = -\Delta u(x_0) \geq 0$ . From the positivity of  $v$ ,  $u(x_0) \leq a - bv(x_0) \leq a$ . We can show  $v \leq d$  in the same way.

Owing to Shaudar estimates for elliptic equations, there exist sufficiently large  $M_1, M_2$  such that  $\|u\| \leq M_1$  and  $\|v\| \leq M_2$  for every solution for (5), where  $\|\cdot\|$  denote the  $C^1$ -norm.

Set a bounded set

$$T_k := \{(u, v) \in C_k; \|u\| < M_1 + 1, \|v\| < M_2 + 1\}$$

Note that the solutions for (6) is not on the boundary of  $T_k$ . Here we use the word "boundary" in the meaning of the relative topology with respect to  $C_k$ .

We define a compact operator  $A$  from  $C^1([0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi)) \times C^1([0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi))$  into itself by

$$A \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + p \right)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} pu + D^{-1}(a - u - bv)u \\ pv + D^{-1}(d - v - cu)v \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

$$\text{where } p = \max\{D^{-1}(2M_1 + bM_2), D^{-1}(2M_2 + cM_1)\}$$

Note that there is one to one correspondence between a fixed point of  $A$  and a solution for (5). So  $A$  has no fixed point on the boundary of  $T_k$ . Moreover the standard regularity theory of elliptic equations tells us that  $A$  is completely continuous.

From the above fact and the following Lemma 1, we can define degree of  $I - A$  on  $C_k$ , which is denoted by  $\deg_{C_k}(I - A, \cdot)$ . For the definition of  $\deg_{C_k}(I - A, \cdot)$ , see Dancer[3].

**Lemma 1**  $A$  maps  $T_k$  into  $C_k$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(u, v) \in T_k$ . First we will show the positivity of  $A(u, v)$ . Note that  $u \geq 0$  and  $v \geq 0$  and that  $p$  is sufficiently large. Using the maximum principle in (7), we see that each element of  $A(u, v)$  is positive.

Next we will show the monotonicity of  $A(u, v)$ . Differentiating with respect to  $\theta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left\{ A \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \right\} = \\ \left( -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + p \right)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} p + D^{-1}(a - 2u - bv) & -D^{-1}bu \\ -D^{-1}cv & p + D^{-1}(d - 2v - cu) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_\theta \\ v_\theta \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $u_\theta \geq 0$  and  $v_\theta \leq 0$ , it follows from the maximum principle that the first element of the above equality is nonnegative and the second is nonpositive.  $\square$

Now we can define  $\deg_{C_k}(I - A, T_k)$ .

**Lemma 2**  $\deg_{C_k}(I - A, T_k) = 1$ .

**Proof.** We use the homotopy invariance and excision property of the fixed point index theory. When we regard  $D$  as a parameter, we sometimes write  $A_D$  to emphasize  $D$  dependence of  $A$ .

From the result of Conway-Hoff-Smoller[1], it is well known that there is a sufficiently large  $D_0 = D_0(a, b, c, d, \Omega) > 0$  such that (5) has no nonconstant solution for  $D > D_0(a, b, c, d, \Omega)$ ; so that the excision property gives

$$\begin{aligned} \deg_{C_k}(I - A_D, T_k) &= \text{index}_{C_k}(A_D, (a, 0)) + \text{index}_{C_k}(A_D, (0, d)) \\ &+ \text{index}_{C_k}(A_D, (0, 0)) + \text{index}_{C_k}(A_D, (u^*, v^*)) \quad \text{for } D > D_0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

To calculate the righthand side of (8), we will give the value of fixed point indices of constant solutions in the following lemma, whose proof is omitted.

**Lemma 3** (i)  $\text{index}_{C_k}(A, (a, 0)) = \text{index}_{C_k}(A, (0, d)) = 1$ .  
(ii)  $\text{index}_{C_k}(A, (0, 0)) = 0$ .  
(iii)  $\text{index}_{C_k}(A, (u^*, v^*)) = -1$  if  $D\lambda_1 > \alpha^*$ .

We will continue the proof of Lemma 2. Since we can make  $D_0$  sufficiently large,  $D_0\lambda_1 > \alpha^*$  holds. So the righthand side of (8) is 1 from Lemma 3. Remember that  $A_D$  has no fixed point on the boundary of  $T_k$ . Using the homotopy invariance property, it follows that

$$\deg_{C_k}(I - A_D, T_k) = 1 \quad \text{for every } D > 0.$$

□

In the rest of the proof we restrict ourselves to the case when the parameter  $R$  is sufficiently large.

Our strategy is as follows. In Lemma 4 we get all the positive radial solutions, and in Lemma 5 we study the fixed point indices of these radial solutions. Finally combining Lemmas 2, 4 and 5, we conclude the existence of a non-radial fixed point of  $A$  in  $T_k$  by contradiction.

Set  $\epsilon := \frac{1}{R}$ , then (5) is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} Du_{ss} + \frac{D\epsilon}{1+\epsilon s}u_s + \frac{D^2\epsilon^2}{(1+\epsilon s)^2}u_{\theta\theta} + u(a - u - bv) = 0 & \text{in } [0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi), \\ Dv_{ss} + \frac{D\epsilon}{1+\epsilon s}v_s + \frac{D^2\epsilon^2}{(1+\epsilon s)^2}v_{\theta\theta} + v(d - v - cu) = 0 & \text{in } [0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi), \\ u_s(0, \theta) = u_s(1, \theta) = v_s(0, \theta) = v_s(1, \theta) = 0, \\ u \geq 0, v \geq 0. & \text{in } [0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi). \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

Note that (9) with  $\epsilon = 0$  is equivalent to the one dimensional system (6). Denote by  $\{(u_0^i, v_0^i)\}_{i=1,2,\dots,m}$  all the nonconstant solutions for (6). Observe that the number of such solutions is finite because of the nondgeneracy assumption.

**Lemma 4** Assume (N). For small  $\epsilon > 0$ , (9) has a nonconstant radial solution  $(u_\epsilon^i, v_\epsilon^i)$  near  $(u_0^i, v_0^i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

Moreover, if  $(u, v)$  is a nonconstant radial solution, then  $(u, v) = (u_\epsilon^i, v_\epsilon^i)$  for some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .

The proof can be accomplished with use of the implicit function theorem.

We can calculate the fixed point index of each radial solution using Dancer's index formula.



**Lemma 5** *Let  $(u, v)$  be a positive radial solution for (7) including  $(u^*, v^*)$ . If the eigenvalue problem*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta \bar{u} \\ \Delta \bar{v} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{D} \begin{pmatrix} a - 2u - bv, & -bu \\ -cv & d - 2v - cu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{v} \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{v} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (10)$$

$$\bar{u}_s(0) = \bar{u}_s(1) = \bar{v}_s(0) = \bar{v}_s(1) = 0,$$

$$\text{where } \Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2} + \frac{\epsilon}{1 + \epsilon} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \frac{\epsilon^2}{1 + \epsilon^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2},$$

*has a positive real eigenvalue, then*

$$\text{index}_{C_k}(A, (u, v)) = 0.$$

Lemma 5 is useful to get the fixed point index of  $(u_\epsilon^i, v_\epsilon^i)$ ; we study the eigenvalue problem (10) with  $(u, v) = (u_\epsilon^i, v_\epsilon^i)$ .

First, we consider the case  $\epsilon = 0$ ;

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_{xx} \\ \bar{v}_{xx} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{d} \begin{pmatrix} a - 2u_0^i - bv_0^i, & -bu_0^i \\ -cv_0^i & d - 2v_0^i - cu_0^i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{v} \end{pmatrix} = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{v} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (11)$$

$$\bar{u}_x(0) = \bar{u}_x(1) = \bar{v}_x(0) = \bar{v}_x(1) = 0.$$

For  $(u, v) = (u^*, v^*)$ , (11) has a positive real eigenvalue. (Recall that we are discussing the bistable case. ) For nonconstant solutions, we will introduce the result of Kishimoto-Weinberger[7].

**Theorem 3** (Kishimoto-Weinberger)

*For any nonconstant solution  $(u_0^i, v_0^i)$ , (11) has a positive real simple eigenvalue  $\lambda_0$ .*

Taking account of these results, the implicit function theorem shows the following lemma.

**Lemma 6** *For sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ , (10) with  $(u, v) = (u_\epsilon^i, v_\epsilon^i)$  has a simple real eigenvalue  $\lambda_\epsilon$  near  $\lambda_0$ . Therefore,  $\lambda_\epsilon$  is also positive since  $\lambda_0$  is positive.*

We are ready to complete the proof of Theorem 2. It follows from Lemmas 5 and 6 that

$$\text{index}_{C_k}(A, (u^*, v^*)) = 0, \quad (12)$$

and

$$\text{index}_{C_k}(A, (u_\epsilon^i, v_\epsilon^i)) = 0 \quad \text{for every } i = 1, 2, \dots, m. \quad (13)$$

Assume that there exists no non-radial solution. From the excision property,

$$\begin{aligned} \deg_{C_k}(I - A, T_k) &= \text{index}_{C_k}(A, (a, 0)) + \text{index}_{C_k}(A, (0, d)) + \\ &\quad \text{index}_{C_k}(A, (0, 0)) + \text{index}_{C_k}(A, (u^*, v^*)) + \sum_{i=1}^m \text{index}_{C_k}(A, u_\epsilon^i, v_\epsilon^i). \end{aligned}$$

We see from (12), (13) and (i), (ii) in Lemma 3 that the righthand side is equal to 2. This contradicts to Lemma 2. Thus we can obtain a non-radial fixed point in  $C_k$ .

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